HOLIDAY PURCHASES

MES, SIRPSON GOES DOWN THE AVENUE TO SELECT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

She Visits Various Prominent Stores and Is Perfectly Bowildered by the Bultitude and Variety of the Articles Displayed—The Small Boy is Persistently Aunoying.

Mrs. Simpson was the fond parent of a small, but extremely active and enter-prising boy. When the day came that she could no longer forbear to join the throng who were out shopping for Christmas, not knowing what else to do with him, she took the small bey along with her. He bound himself by solemn oaths not to wander for a mement from her side, not to touch any article exhibited in the stores, and not to ask for anything whatsoever except 5 cents to buy candy.

At the first corner Mrs. Simpson mot Mrs. Tompkins, her next-door neighbor. As she and Mrs. Tompkins saw each other three or four times a day, it was of course necessary to stop and hold a long conversation. Mrs. Tompkins was also accompanied by her son, and the two small boys held sweet communion together while their parents conversed.

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"Oh!" cried Mrs. Tempkins, "have you been in Hocke's and seen his things?"
"No." said Mrs. Simpson; "I didn't think of looking at house furnishing things; they are always so expensive."
"You wouldn't think so if you went in here. They have the loveliest rugs and creeus and sofa cushions, and such stylish mahogany chairs—just the thing for a hall—and every description of haspings. I am going straight home new to tell Mr. Tompkins about them. I do want a pertiere between the parlor and dining room so much. Well, I must go; good-by. Oh! I forgot to tell you; it takes just three yards and a half to make a sacque by that pattern I lent you, and you can get the stuff best at Lansburgh's."

"All right," said Mrs. Simpson. "I am glad you told me. I wanted to get it today. Good-by. Oh! did you finish your lambrequin?"

"Yes, and I've been in every store in the city to try to match it in plush balls, and I can't find any. Well, goodby."
"Perhaps combed-out crewel tassels would do. They look very pretty for a finish."
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"Maybe they would. I'll try them. Goodby. Call in this evening and tell me what you buy."

"Yes, I will. Goodby."

Here the small boy broke in—
"Mamma, I want to go Baum's. They have Kris Kringle there, and he's all covered with snow and beats a drum. Johnny says so."

says so,"
"Yes, Johnny, by and by, when we get
down town. Come on now, we must
hurry: it's getting late. I meant to stop
in the Palais Royal, but I shan't have
time."

she didn't have time, but when she reached the door she decided she must just step in and price those lace fichus that looked so pretty in the window. When she got inside she was soon lest in a bewildering whirl of everything pretty and useful that men or women could possibly want to wear. Glovas of every fabric and color, long ones and short ones, big ones and little ones, trigly buttoned up in the wrist or loosely and carelessly wrinkled; substantial Jersey cloth or chamols gloves, suggesting market on cold winter mornings, and long, dainty, recamy ones, with an aroma of parties and germans already hanging around them. Stockings, too, enough to supply two or three towns full of people; tremendously long and enormously thick-ribbed ones for the bicyclest; every variety of gay colored ones for the children, and daintily clinging silk ones that touched Mrs. Simpson's very soul. Gleaming silver and sparkling Rhine stones, combs, and scarf pins and earrings, yellow alligator belts and pursus and satchels, fans and laces and ruches, the combination was too much-for Mrs. Simpson, who wandered from one counter to another, admiring here, pricing there, and buying everywhere. At last the long-suffering Tommy remarked, "Mamma, you said you would go to Baum's and see Kris Kringle beating a drum."

"So I will, darling. We'll go now," and reluctantly tearing herself away with many a backward glance, Mrs. Simpson started down the avenue. But she had gone only a few steps when she bethought horself, and turning round hurried back to Stinemetz's.

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"Is this the way to Baum's, where you see Kris Kringle beating a drum?" inquired Tommy.

"No, darling, but—"

if it didn't come from Stinemetz's."

"Well, I won't go." said Tommy, firmly planted in the middle of the sidowalk, "unless you'll got me a kazoo."

"Where is the one I bought you last week?"

I swapped it with Johnny Tompkins for a knife."
"Weil, I suppose I'll have to, but hurry

up."
It did not take Mrs. Simpson long to decide upon one of Stinemetz's beautiful umbrellas, but it took her a good while to finish looking at the scalakin sacques to finish looking at the scalakin sacques and dolmans, the fur cloaks and carriago robes, and the stylish cheviot riding caps for ladies which she found extremely attractive. The impatient Tommy hurried her out, exclaiming as he bounded forth: "Now, we'll get the kazoo, and then we'll go to Baum's and see Kris Kringle beat the dram."

"I declare, Tommy, it's too bad," said his mother. "You hurried me so I hadn't half time to look at a muff for Agnes. Now we'll have to stop at Willett & Ruof's."

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"But you must get the kazoo first," said the persevering Tommy.

But before his musical yearnings were satisfied even the unimpressionable Tommy was willing to stop spolibound before the brilliant display of stylish young ladies and gentlemen—it seems disrespectful to call them dolls—in Taylor's window, and he readily yielded to his mother's suggestion to go inside. Inside they found a bewildering display of dolls from infancy up to hoary ago, attired in every device of stylish toilet, with boots and gloves and trains, fans and bangs and bustles.

While Mrs. Simpson was hanging fas-

bangs and bustles.

White Mrs. Simpson was hanging fascinated over the exquisitely fine handkerchiefs, with their delicate embroidery,
and thinking how easy she would find it
to select presents for herself, and how
charming it would be to wave gracefully
one of those elegant entrich feather fans,
her attention was attracted by the neigh her attention was stracted by the noise of strife. She turned to find that Tommy had chosen the finest of the dolls and claimed it for his own, and was then engaged in a heated altereation with the young lady in charge. She was obliged by bribes and threats to persuade him to iterate and left rejuctantly as she had. by oribos and threats to persuade him to depart, and left refluctantly, as she had not finished looking at the variety of gentiemen's earl's and pins, gloves and handkerchiefs, and a thousand other things which she was convinced her friends would like better than snything she could make for them.

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The Buschoff Concerts.

The purchase of the kazoo in Ellia's was quickly accomplished, and while Tommy elicited ear-piercing shrieka from it his mother lingered appreciatively over the fine editions of Beethoven, Schamann, and Chopin, and wondered if she didn't know a singer whose heart she could gladden with one of those cellections of beautiful songs. She could not resist fooking at the splendid pianes of every kind—square, grand, and upright—the fine organs and musical instruments of every description, and wondering if it might possibly be her good fortune to have after Christmas the new Weber grand she had long wanted.

Then she harried back to follow the tide of women pouring inte Woodward & Lothrop's, and to growl with the rest of them at the big show case which blocks up the entrance and makes everyone jostle everyone and readers it impossible

to look in the windows where there is so much that is pretty to see. Temmy, of course, demanded a ride in the elevator, and his mother, nothing loath, went up stairs to see the cloaks and graceful little brocaded velvet wraps, and decide which one she would get if she had money enough left after Christmas.

"But I shan't have," she thought, "if I don't get out of here soon." For all around her was such a confusing array of dainty handkerchiefs in gay boxes, of soft laces in a hundred siry devices, of rich curtains and hangings and upholsiery. So she hurried away into Willet & Ruoff's, and vaciliated half an hour between a dozen soft furs in muffs and col-

Ruoff's, and vaciliated half an hour between a dozen soft furs in muffa and collars, and admired the children's caps and wanted them all for Tommy, and hung breathless over the superb soft scalakin dolmans, until recalled to a sense of time by Tommy's reiterated refrain, "I want to go to Baum's to see Kris Kingle beating a drum."

She did mean to go straight to Baum's this time, but Perry's window was too much for poor, weak human nature. She gazed upon the brocaded sikks and velvets, and remembered that if she went out at all this winter she would need a now evening dress, and what could be handsomer than that elegant white embossed velvet or that levely need a new evening dress, and what could be handsomer than that elogant white embossed velvet or that levely pink brocaded satin? Then there were all those plush attractions and dainty toilet and manicure cases and wicker bettles of perfume, and work-baskets must be examined, but at last she left them and started for Baum's when Tommy's patience was nearly exhausted. She lost him a dozen times after she left the furs and gloves and millinery and wandered into the big, light ameat to see the lamps and china and bronzes and toys, and into the basement to see the heaps upon heaps of preposterously cheap books. But she always found him rooted before what he thought was Kris Kringle with his drum, but what was in reality a Japanese blayer, and it was from that point that she started homeward with heavy feet and light purse, dragging by the hand the reluctant Tommy.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Grand Army Posts and Masonic Lodges Select Their Rulers for the Ensuing Year.

There was a large turnout Thursday evening at Burnside post on the occasion of the visit of the department commander and staff. Two recruits were mustered in, after which Department Commander Alexander and several others made happy and interesting speeches. The following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year, each being chosen by unanimous vote: Charles H. Ingram, commander; W. S. Odell, senior vice commander; D. A. Grosvenor, junior vice commander; R. S. Laoy, quartermaster; R. H. Rack, surgeon; Richard Goodhart, chaplain; D. J. Evans, officer of the day; W. H. Norton, officer of guard. Delegates to the department encampment were chosen as follows: A. J. Huntoon, George Simmons, A. F. Sperry, and L. K. Brown; alternates, Green B. Raum, R. M. Reynolds, C. F. Lewis, and D. J. Evans.

Mead poat, No. 5, elected the following officers last evening: N. B. Prentice, commander, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Commander Dillon, J. B. Dowd, commander; E. J. Russell, J. V. commander; Samuel Baxter, O. D.; George O. Burke, O. G.; Dr. W. H. Swander, surgeon; T. L. Miller, Q. M., and delegates as follows: Dr. W. B. Pomeroy, Ed Marks, W. S. Tappan, B. F. Oder, A. J. Hartin, E. J. Russell, J. W. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. Brown, C. H. Allen, and J. J. Carrier, J. J. evening at Burnside post on the occasion of the visit of the department commander

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John A. Rawlins post, No. I, G. A. R., olected the following officers at the regular encampment held in Grand Army hall last evening: Post commander, H. E. Weaver; senior vice commander, N. B. Fithian; junior vice commander, James Brennan; quartermaster, Lee S. Mortimer; surgeon, Dr. S. A. H. McKlm; chaplain, John Gantly; officer of the day, Patrick O'Hare; officer of the guard, James B. Durham. For delegates: Newton Ferree, C. B. Dickey, Andrew F. Dinsmore, John M. Keoh, George H. Fronch, George M. Sweeney, Peter Meagher, and Frank Clark.

St. John's lodge No. 11, F. A. A. M., last night elected the following officers for the ensuing year: George P. Bebrer, W. M.; Louis Y. Mitchell, S. W.; John W. Kline, J. W.; John C. Fill, secretary, and Charles J. Watson, treasurer.

Free Reading Rooms and Sewing

Some time ago Rev. J. B. Perry, the pastor of St. Andrew's P. E. church, thinking that some good might be done outside of the church, rented the house at No. firmly.

"Oh! yes, Tommy dear, come on. You know I want to get something for papa, and I can't think of anything nicer than a silk umbrella, and he wouldn't like it ifit didn't come from Silement's."

2019 Fourteenth street and called upon his congregation to contribute toward the support of a reading room and sewing school. They responded generously, and on Tuesday, the 16th instant, the reading room and sewing school will be considered. on Tuesday, the 16th instant, the reading room and sewing school will be opened. The object of the enterprise is to reach the car drivers and poor men of that section of the city, who are in want of a comfortable room to sit in at night, where they may read the newspapers and enjoy themselves socially. The girls will be taught to sew, the material being furnished, and the garments when completed becoming the property of the girls. The rooms for the men will be open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings from 7 to 10 o'clock. Coffee and bread will be served on Saturdays, and games, papers, and music be provided every evening. A committee of ladies from the church will inaugurate the sewing school this afternoon. Everything in connection with this enterprise is free of charge.

R. H. TAYLOR. 933 Pennsylvania avenue, to accommodate his customers, will keep his store open until 10 o'clock p. m., until after the holidays. He has an elegant stock of Fancy Goods, Men's, Ladler, and Missor Fur-nishing Goods, sulfable as presents for the holidays.

The regular monthly meeting of the Washington Continentals was held last evening at Timms's hall, corner of Seventh and D streets; Col. Geo. F. Timms in the chair. The corps decided unanimously to receive and entertain the Washington to receive and entertain the Washington Continentals, of Schenectady, N. Y., on March 4. Dr. Boall, the surgeon of the cops, was elected financial secretary. It was decided to give a military ball at Masonic temple New Year's eve night. The meeting was well attended and enthusiastic

J. D. Free's Two Stores. Mr. Free's beautiful store on F street, opposite the Ebbitt house, is crowded throughout with beautiful and attractive throughout with beautiful and attractive Christmas books and objects of ars, and he invites a thorough inspection of his stock by all in search of holiday gifts. He has an additional store on Market space, filled with toys, games, books, sugravings, pictures, &c., in endless variety—and both places are well worth visiting. Mr. Free is enterprising and determined to keep abroast of the times, and he deserves success.

"Or, Willie we have missed you?" Since you have been away, darling, I've not had one soul to send to the druggist's for my br. Buil's Gough Syrup; and when my cough syrup is gone I feel like I had lost my best friend.

The Bischoff Concerts.

The first of the series of Bischoff con-

RECLAIMED FLATS.

HUNDBURS OF ACRES OF LAND WRESTED FROM THE RIVER.

Important Stage Reached in the Improve ment-The Hydran'le Dredge Texted and Found to Work Well-How Much Ground Will Be Made Dally by the New Process.

The most important item in the improvement of the Potomac flats, from a saultary standpoint, has just been completed. All the filling that had been done simply reclaimed just so much of the flats depositories for sewerage, and converted the foul-amelling surface into dry land. But of the 750 acres of flats, which it is intended to reclaim, only 150 acres have so far been so converted. The contents of the Seventeenth street sewer still flowed over the balance to be left high, but not dry, by the receding tide for the sun to pour down upon and still further putrify. By the work which has been quietly going on for some time at the foot of Seventeenth street, and is just now completed, the contents of this immense tunnel are now carried between two branks out to the channel of the river, where the comparatively swift current catches and sweeps it beyond the sheal places. This canal, which is over 1,000 feet in length, is only a temporary affair, but serves the purpose until a permanent work can be substituted. It is formed of earth embankments, which are really a part of the filling and will serve a double purpose, retaining the softer dredging to be thrown by the new machines. The permanent construction of an outlot for this sewer has not yet been decided upon, the question of whether the work should be done by the government or be included in the district improvements not having been satisfactorily settled.

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improvements not having been satisfactorily settled.

"There will have to be a permanent canal," said Col. P. C. Hains, when asked about the matter by a REPUBLICAN reporter yestorday. "But I don't believe the sewage of Washington will ever be disposed of satisfactorily until it is pumped out; the city is too low and there is not fall enough. The canal will always be useful for storm and surface water, even when the sewers proper are emptied by pumps."

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Col. Hains was down at the navy yard yesterday and inspected the newly-completed hydraulic dredge, the machinery of which was put in motion so that he might see how it worked. It was not connected with the suction pipes, and the 8-foot runner of the centrifugal pump was easily run with five pounds of steam, this pump is very much like a steamboat paddle-wheel inclosed, only the dashers are curved into a scoop shape. The action is that of both suction and force pump, the mixed earth and water being projected any required distance over the surface of the water in 20-inch pipes supported on pontoons. When on dry land the pipes are simply laid along the ground, the end joint being moved so as to make a uniform deposit.

The whole scheme of improvement will cost in the neighborhood of two and three quarter millions of dollars, of which \$1,400,000 has been appropriated, the last half million being now available. The reduction in cost obtained under this new process will not materially lessen the total cost, as the original estimates were made on a basis of 18 cents per yard of material excavated, while the late contracts had to be made at much higher rates. It is estimated that 75 per cent, more dredging can be done for the same amount of money by the new process than by the old. The whole amount of land to be reclaimed under the improvement is 750 acres, of which 150 are now filled in, and 200 more will be by the 2,000,000 yards which Benson & MoNee are to excavate, 10,000 yards being the equivalent of an acre of hard ground, two of which will probably be added each working day. The operations will be commenced about the middle of next week, the upper work being begin first.

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No improvement of the reclaimed surface will be attempted until all the flats are filled in: "The work is designed primarily as a sauitary measure," explained Col. Hains, "and the most flats will be reclaimed in the least time and money. After we have removed the nuitance that threatens the city with petillence and substituted dry, healthy ground, then the work of grading and beautifying will probably be pushed forward."

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It is doubtful if the inlet gate will be put in before next season, as without proper flushing facilities the Washington channel would become a mere basin. The Virginia channel will have to be thoroughly dredged, too, before it is called unon to carry off the volume of water that is liable to come down with the first freshet. Much depends upon the satisfactory percarry off the volume of water that is liable to come down with the first freshet. Much depends upon the satisfactory performance of the new dredges. The basis of estimates of what they will accomplish is the work done by smaller machines in California, where the only operations with this system have hitherto been conducted. The material to be handled here is believed to be much more favorable, both for excavating and spreading, than that met with on the Pacific coast.

Col. Hains yesterday submitted to Gen. Newton, chief of engineers, his report of the operations for the past month. The progress in dredging and forming embankments on the tidal reservoir, under contract with the D. E. Culver company, was not satisfactory. The amount dredged was only 5,293 cuble yards. The contractor has been somewhat delayed by low tides, but the chute used is not adapted to the work. The work of dredging and forming embankments along the Virginia channel side of the upper section, under first contract with F. C. Somers, was likewise slow. Fair progress was made in dredging along the Washington channel wall line on this section, the amount dredged being 12,263 cubic yards.

The work of dredging and embanking on the small tidal reservoir was commenced. The embankment is to be held in place by a timber crib or revetment, but, owing to the delay in obtaining timber, only a small amount of dredging has been done. Under contract with the Potomac Red Sandsone company 5,198 cubic yards of stone have been delivered and put in place along the northwest margin of the tidal reservoir on the middle section and along the wail line of Washington channel on the upper section. The contractors for dredging in the Washington and Vignia channels, Messrs. Benson & McNee, have been engaged in constructing cross embankments on section 3, to retain and drain off the dredged material. During December work will be continued on the dredging and embankment on both sides of section 3, under two contracts with F. C. Somers, and on the large tidal reservoir,

Asking More Money for Indians. A delegation from the Indian Rights' association had a hearing yesterday before the subappropriations committee which has in charge the Indian bill. They urged the appropriation of \$50,000 for the relief of the Indians in Montana. and urged immediate action to prevent actual starvation. They also urged ado-quate provision for the support of Indian schools, and said that first class industrial training might be furnished at the rate of \$175 and transportation per pupil.

HOTEL PERSONALS.

St. James—J. S. Maynard, Colorado; A. P. Seboru, Chlo; J. G. Payne, Virginia; David A. rjaher, Ohio Brooke Doswell, New Orleans; C. W. Campbell and wife, Troy, N. Y. W. Campbell and Wife, Troy, N. Y.

Riblit.—Hon. Alex. G. Cattell, New Jersey,
J. R. C. Matthews and wife, Philadelphia: F.
E. Sye, Augusta: Clement M. Biddle, Philadelphia; Gen, James S. Negley, W. W. Thompson, Pittsburg: F. P. Vandile, Michigan; Mr.,
Isaac Henderson, Brooklyn; William Johnson,
Toronto, Canada; B. C. Furnan and family,
San Francisco; F. C. Gun and wife, Council
Biuffs, Iowa.

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Metropolitan—W. W. Randali and wife,
New York: Henry B. Tompkins, C. A. Collier,
Atlants, Ga.; M. P. Carroll, Augusta, Ga.; D.
A. Hearou, Brisol, Teom.; William S. Thomas,
Atlanta, Ga.; H. C. Parsons and wife, Virginia;
Rudolph Bolling, Mrs. Mary Colgate, Mrs. M.
G. Colgate, Fred Colgate, George Colgate,
Richmond, J. H. libb, Virginia; H. H. Parker,
Chicago: John M. McKlevey, Eofala, Als.; T.
L. Williams, Knoxyllic, Telan.; F. D. Pratt, W.
E. Blone, W. B. Van Auringe, Boston.

THE PROVISION KING.

Philip D. Armour, of Chicago, in Washington-His Branch Establishment in This City.

During the week a reporter of the RE-PUBLICAN, while going through Center market in search of items, had pointed out to; him a stout, good-natured loooking man, of about 50, dressed simply, with head and face that resembled Rev. John P.

Nowman's. He was the center of a group of strangers, and the party in their tour through the market attracted unusual attention. "That solid-looking man now ta lking does the largest meet business of any man living, or that ever lived before him. All the butchers in the district together hardly kill in a year as many cattle and hogans are killed in his establishment in a day."

Inquiry soon developed that the mighty man was the famous Philip D. Armour, of Chicago, and it was not many moments before the reporter was conversing with him, introduced by Mr. Bert Scannell, who represents him here in Washington, and is in charge of the branch establishment, which occupies three entire beildings of the Center market wholesale stores. The tour of inspection of Center market ended at these stores, and here surprise followed surprise in the exhibition of the variety and amount of packages of lard, canned and sait meats, tongues, and provisions, and in the vast quantity of fresh beef stored in a building by itself, the immens storeroom being kept near the freezing point by stores of ies on the upper floors, the cold air therefrom coming through an ingenious arrangement of flues that entirely prevents moisture. In every part cleanliness was in command.

"This," said Mr. Armour, "is one of the great number of our stores. We now ship meat and provisions direct to every city of large size in the country, and to-day fresh buef is selling from 8 to 5 cents less that would be demanded if these stores were not in existence. So wish lard and other provisions. We sell to this branch on an average of eight car loads of fresh meat a week in addition to our regular shipments of lard and canned meats, and in the latter business we have but just commonced in Washington."

"Do you sond your best meat to Washington and Now York. In time improvements may be discovered that will enable us to ship fresh meat further than Washington and canned meats are sent all over Europe and into Africa."

"The public of Washington has felt the benefit of

Hertzog's New Museum. Mr. Daniel Hertzog, who has long conducted a highly successful museum in Baltimore, has secured a long lease of Lincoln hall and, having remodeled the interior, will, on the 22d instant, open it interior, will, on the 22d instant, open it with a refined entertainment. It is the intention of the management of this new venture that, while the prices of admission are low, everything sies shall be first class and conducted in a manner to draw the patronage of the best people. The opening attraction will be Jennie Kimball's comic opera company in "The Mascot."

Free Methodist Church. A quarterly meeting of the Free Metho-dist church, of this district, will be held dist church, of this district, will be held at the new chapel on Elsventh street southwest, on Friday and Saturday next. The conference will be conducted by Rev. William Goald, chairman of the district. The dedication of the new church will take place to-morrow, and the services will consist of a love feast at 11 a.m. and dedicatory sermon at 3 p.m. by Rev. Dr. Gould. A dedicatory poem by S. A. Wiggins, for the occasion, will also be read.

He Forgot He Was Under Bonds. Ben Thompson, a colored man, gave his personal bonds in the police court some time ago for threatening to kill Willis Goodman and Mary Brown if he ever caught them together. He saw the two on H street southeast late last night and proceeded to execute his threat by drawing a knife and cutting Goodman about the body. He was arrested before he could finish the job, and is held at the eighth precinct station.

LOCAL BRIEFLETS.

A number of citizens residing in the vicinity of Fifth street, between South Carolina avenue and C street southeast, have complained that gas lamps should be placed along that thor-oughfare.

At 11 a. m. yesterday the signal office or-dered cold wave signals for Washington, and issued a bulletin indicating that a fall of 15° to 30° in temperature was probable in the next forty hours.

Joseph Webater, the boy who was run over by the cars on Maryland avenue Thursday, had his foot amputated by Dr. C. V. Boarman, the surgeon of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad company.

While the buggy of Mr. W. L. Arnold was standing at the corner of Second street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast last night be-tween 6 and 7 o'clock a valuable gray hair robe and a whip were stolen.

In the criminal court yesterday John, alias Charles, McFarland was convicted of larceny, The Jury retired early in the day and remained out until 530 o'clock, when they were polled, and all knawered guilty. Sentence was sus-pended.

A leaking gaspipe exploded in the cellar of Mr. Robert Pinney, living on Q street, near Thirty-drast street, last night, while Mr. Pin ney was in the cellar with a lighted candle. The house was slightly damaged, but Mr. Pinney escaped without rujury.

Thomas M. Minus and W. E. Burford were arrested by Detective Cox for an affray on the sidewalk in front of the latter's office, 894 F street, yesterday. Minus had called to collect a bill, was ejected, and resented the act. Both men were released on collaterat.

The widow of the late William H. Ward has sold the four-story brick building on the north side of Pennsylvania avenue, east of Seventh street, to ex-Senator D. L. Yuloe for \$25,000. The building is occupied by Noah Walker & Sons, clothlers, and has a frontage of 22 feet and extends back to C street.

Dangers on Wheels.

"No, sire it is not a husiness to get rich at, this hack driving; whether a man owns his carriage or drives for some of these companies that are epringing up nows.adaya." As he expressed his opinion F. H. Turner, one of the best known and most careful harkmen in Beston, was standing beside his vehicle in front

of the Quincy house.
"It would seem to me," said I, "that one of the principal drawingks is the exposure you have to undergo."
"Exactly," he answered. "We have to be out at all hours and in all sorts of had weather. Ho

or oold rain or snow, frost or fog, we've got to face it or lose our bread and butter. In spite of blancet and rubber coats we are often soaked to the skin, and, as a backman is as likely to catch

the skin, and, as a lanckman is as likely to catch cold under those circumstances as a bank president, we get sick, without being as able to afford it as rich men are."
"That's so," I replied, with genuine sympathy, "and dectors naturally want their fees,"
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